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Since 1978 I have been responsible for many changes in the laws of Hawaii.

During the 1978 Constitutional Convention many of my proposals found their way into the Constitution: the formation of a Legislative Reapportionment Commission, restoration of staggered Senate terms, non-partisan elections for the Board of Education, and a general fund expenditure ceiling.

As a legislator, I'll take credit for the following. To improve Hawaii's environment I secured appropriations to supplement the federal brown tree snake detection program, funds for additional staff in the tree planting program, a resolution calling for a carbon sequestration tax credit, and numerous trail improvements in Diamond Head Crater.

In the fields of education and health I obtained several CIP appropriations for school improvements - for cafeterias refurbishing, fencing, playground equipment, a dumbwaiter, re-wiring, gym improvements, air-conditioning and an elevator. I also acquired authorizations for re-roofing of two buildings at Leahi Hospital as well as new elevators.

To improve law enforcement, I was the first to introduce a bill calling for DNA collection from all convicted felons. My bill now allows sex offense victims to request an HIV test of suspected perpetrators.

In order to improve traffic safety I led the effort to prohibit children from riding in pickup truck beds. I authored the \$25 tax credit for purchase of a keiki car seat. Finally, I was the first to submit a bill requiring helmets for minors riding mopeds.